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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN F-16 CONCERNS AND STOLTENBERG TRIP

REFS: (A) OSLO 5460; (B) OSLO 5325

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM UNDER SECRETARY STOLTENBERG:

-- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE URGENCY,
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SCOPE AND SERIOUSNESS OF NORWEGIAN CONCERNS ON F-16
THIRD COUNTRY SALES.

-- THE POINTS IN THE NORWEGIAN MEMORANDUM GIVEN TO
THE EMBASSY RAISED A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT LEGAL AND
POLICY ISSUES FOR US.

-- ALTHOUGH WE HAVE REACHED NO DECISIONS, OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION IS THAT WE CANNOT MAKE A JUDGMENT ALONE ON F-16 THIRD COUNTRY SALES.

-- THE UNITED STATES AND NORWAY ARE PARTNERS IN A FIVE-NATION CONSORTIUM AND ANY FINAL DECISIONS BASED ON THE NORWEGIAN REQUESTS WILL HAVE BROADER, MULTILATERAL IMPLICATIONS.

-- ULTIMATELY, WE BELIEVE THAT WE MUST FOLLOW PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN THE MOU WHICH PROVIDE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE OTHER EPG COUNTRIES.

-- WE HOPE TO COME BACK TO THE GON WITH A MORE CONCRETE, SUBSTANTIVE REACTION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

-- IF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE TRIP BY UNDER SECRETARY STOLTENBERG WOULD BE USEFUL, THE USG WOULD CORDIALLY WELCOME HIS COMING TO WASHINGTON FOR A CANDID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON F-16 ISSUES. CHRISTOPHER

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